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PEOPLE MUST TAKE MATTER INTO THEIR OWN HANDS.

In a thoughtful and comprehensive editorial discussion of Norfolk Corporation Court's opinion holding unconstitutional the section of the State code designed to prohibit and punish malpractices in primary elections, and the situation in which the Democrats of Virginia find themselves as a result of that ruling, the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot says:

There is no reason to doubt the correctness of the ruling made by the Corporation Court of Norfolk. The fault does not lie with the able and courageous jurist who presides over that tribunal, but with the General Assembly, which in the face of a constitutional mandate has persistently refused to provide for primaries even the measure of protection against fraud which is thrown around all other elections, regular and special.

Citizens who earnestly desired to have the perpetrators of gross frauds in the Second District primary dealt with by law were grievously disappointed when Judge Henckel decided that there was no law under which the accused might be reached, and no doubt many were inclined to shake their judgment against that of the court. To the lay mind it seems almost absurd to say that an act of the general assembly setting forth specifically that the general election laws against frauds shall apply to primary elections is null and void because the object of the statute is not given sufficiently clearly in the title or heading. However, upon reading the court's opinion it seems apparent even to the layman that the legislature erred and that the act under which we have credulously believed our primary system was partially "legalized" is not worth the paper it is written upon. Certainly the question should be settled in the minds of even the most doubtful by this unqualified endorsement of the ruling by the Virginian-Pilot. The editor of the Virginian-Pilot is as anxious as anybody can be to see the primary debauchers punished, and besides he is fully capable of giving a professional opinion on the legal question involved.

Doubting that the governor will call an extra session of the legislature or that the legislature as at present constituted would remedy the evil, The Virginian-Pilot goes on to say: This recourse failing, a State Democratic convention might improve conditions by taking the matter out of the hands of the State committee and adopting as a primary plan so strictly drawn as to serve at least as a check on irregular and dishonest administration until proper legislation can be secured. But there are indications that the influences dominant in the State committee are not favorable to the holding of a convention prior to 1912. What then? Must there be chaos because the servants of the people are averse to giving their masters an opportunity to express their will? If so, the Democratic people must take the bull by the horns, fall back on their reserved rights, come together of their own initiative and take such steps as will make their voices both heard and respected.

This paper believes that the proper course is to persist in the demand that a State Democratic convention be called before the time for the next legislative primary campaign. The convention should adopt a party platform for Virginia Democrats, and one phase of that platform should be an unmistakable declaration that the next legislature shall enact a statute legalizing the primary system. Moreover, the convention should appoint a committee of its own to draft a primary plan that will afford such protection to the Democratic voters as it may be possible to give pending the passage of a primary law.

THE AUSTRIANS HAVING TROUBLES TOO.

Conrad Pike, stationed at Rehberg, advises the United States government that the cost of living question is disturbing the people of Austria and that meetings of protest are frequently held by citizens of all classes. The chief cause of dissatisfaction, according to the consul, is the prevailing high prices of meats, and appeals are being made to the government for a change in policy that will permit the importation of American meats.

The American people have many complaints against the increased cost of living, and the high price of meats is not the least of these. Like the Austrians, we want foreign meats imported. As it stands, foreign meats are barred from the country by the tariff wall, and the beef trust rules the situation. The trust sets the price it pays the stock grower and sets the price it shall receive from the consumer. It boosts the game at both ends, and pockets the money taken from the people under the protection of the tariff wall raised ostensibly to foster American industries and keep up the standard of American wages.

EQUIPMENT FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The motorcycle and bicycle for the police department, asked for by the ordinance and police committee, are needed and should be purchased. The department always has been handicapped by lack of proper equipment. A few dollars spent here and there would enable the men to do better and more efficient work. It does not pay to give the workman in any line poor tools.

One of these days in the not very distant future the council will have to give consideration to the matter of providing suitable quarters for the police station. At present the officers on duty at the station are cooped in a basement, with overhead steam heat, in which a careful man would hesitate about keeping live stock permanently. And the "jug," in which men and women prisoners are placed in confinement over night, is a disgrace to the city.

TRINIDAD COMPANY SUED BY E. C. COX

Councilman Ask \$20,000 Damages for Alleged Malicious Prosecution.

Councilman E. C. Cox, of the Second ward, through his attorneys, Judge Sidney J. Dudley and Francis P. Causey, of Hampton, yesterday filed notice in the office of the clerk of courts of suit against the Cleveland Trinidad Paving Company, of Cleveland, Ohio, for damages in the sum of \$20,000. While the declaration has not yet been filed, it is understood that the suit is brought on grounds of malicious prosecution.

This action is the aftermath. It is said, of the alleged paving scandal which was investigated at length by the grand jury in the Corporation Court in October, 1909. E. B. Damarast, general manager of the Cleveland Trinidad Company, was one of the principal witnesses before the grand jury, which returned two indictments against Councilman Cox, charging him with soliciting a bribe from the Cleveland Trinidad Company.

Councilman Cox was tried before Police Justice Brown and acquitted. General Manager Damarast was the principal witness at the hearing before the justice. He testified that Cox had asked him for money with which to "keep the boys quiet" about the repairs to the sheet asphalt paving laid here nearly ten years ago by the Cleveland Trinidad Company. Services in the suit were made yesterday by Deputy City Sergeant Gray. The suit is returnable to the third Monday in December and it is to be tried before Judge Clarence W. Robinson, in the Circuit Court.

LARGE CROWD ATTENDS THANKSGIVING SERVICES

Rev. W. G. Starr, D. D., Preaches Interesting and Appropriate Sermon—Pretty Music Rendered.

Quite a large crowd gathered at the First Presbyterian church last night to attend the first union Thanksgiving services under the auspices of the newly organized Newport News Ministerial Union. Rev. W. G. Starr, D. D., pastor of Trinity Methodist church, preached a very enjoyable and appropriate sermon by his hearers.

Special music was rendered by a choir picked from the singers of several of the churches, and the musical program was a very enjoyable one. Many of the ministers of the city attended the services.

Crosses for Veterans and Widows. Mr. George W. Neines, president of the John W. Daniel Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, announced that all veterans, descendants of veterans and widows of veterans who wish to obtain crosses or honor can secure application blanks from her at the Pocahontas hotel.

Just by G. E. R. Special.

PEYSER SAYS:

If you want a real stylish OVERCOAT to wear Thanksgiving stop in and take a look at our new fall models—there's nothing like them.....\$15.00 to \$25.00

PEYSER'S COUPON

Clip this Coupon, bring to our store and it will count two (2) votes with every 25c cash purchase in "Your Favorite Minister" Contest.

Name of minister

\$100.00 NEW YEAR'S PRESENT

V. P. I. READY FOR CLASH WITH A. & M.

Techs Hold Final Practice at Phoebus—"Farmers" Stay at Elizabeth City.

Twenty-two strong, the football squad of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, which meets the team of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, Raleigh, N. C., in annual battle at Lafayette Field, Norfolk, at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, arrived at Old Point Comfort early yesterday afternoon and spent last night at the Sherwood Inn. It had been expected that the A. & M. eleven would spend last night here, as it did last year, but the team stole a march on V. P. I. and dropped off at Elizabeth City, N. C., to hold its final secret practice before today's battle. The team did not come here because there is no enclosed park where trick plays could be given a last trial.

Coach Bockel, of V. P. I., had his squad out for the final practice at the Army and Navy field, Phoebus, yesterday afternoon. The players went through light signal work and practiced some trick plays which will be turned loose against the "Farmers" this afternoon if necessary demands.

According to reports coming from the V. P. I. Camp yesterday, the men are in better physical shape than they have been at any time this season and are prepared to play their best game of the year today. John Hughes, of this city, the fleet-footed and heady quarterback of the Techs, has entirely recovered from his lame ankle, and Bernier, the former Hampden-Sidney star, is ready to start the game at left halfback. Captain Hodgson and F. Legge, the other backfield men, are also in prime condition.

V. P. I.'s weight is given at 167 pounds, against 174 for the A. & M. team. It had been generally reported that the Techs weighed only 150 pounds, but that weight is incorrect.

The V. P. I. riders, 450 strong, with a student band of twenty-six pieces and a bugle corps of fifteen members, will descend upon Norfolk this morning and be on hand to root for the Techs this afternoon. Winston Davis, son of J. W. Davis, the contractor, of this city, is to lead the V. P. I. rooters and the band. If V. P. I. wins the battle corps will sound "Taps" on the field after the game.

The teams will line up as follows:

V. P. I. Position.	A. & M.
Left End	Left End
A. N. Hodgson	Hartsell (Capt.)
Burruss	Left Tackle
Pick	Left Guard
Gibbs	Center
Breckenridge	Right Guard
Jones	Right Tackle
W. R. Legge	Right End
Hughes	Quarterback
Bernier (Derby)	Left Halfback
V. B. Hodgson (Capt.)	Fullback
F. Legge (Harris)	Right Halfback
	Robertson

COL. TAYLOR TO RETIRE.

Native of Virginia to Quit Army Service Next April.

(Special to the Daily Press).
WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 23.—Announcement is made of the retirement, effective April 30 next, after more than 35 years' service, of Col. Blair D. Taylor, medical corps, U. S. A. Col. Taylor, who is a native of Virginia, entered the medical department in 1875, and reached the rank of colonel in 1908. He is now chief surgeon of the department of the Gulf, with station at Atlanta, Ga.

MISS SALLIE TABB DEAD.

Funeral Services Will be Held at Denbigh Church Today.

Miss Sallie Tabb died at her home near Denbigh Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The funeral will take place at noon today at the Denbigh Baptist church and interment will be made at Denbigh.

Miss Tabb was widely known in this section. She is survived by three sisters and one brother. She was the niece of the late Col. Thomas Tabb and aunt of Edward Tabb, of this city, and T. T. Vail, of this city.

THANKSGIVING TO BE GENERALLY OBSERVED

Schools, Banks, Shipyard and Custom House Closed—Flo sands to See James

Thanksgiving Day will be generally observed in Newport News today. The shipyard, city public schools, banks and the custom house will be closed, Sunday hour will be observed at the postoffice and most of the stores will be closed in the afternoon. There will be little work done along the waterfront.

Hundreds of local people will spend Thanksgiving away from home. Many will go to Richmond to see the aviation meet, the football game between North Carolina and Virginia and other attractions there. Several hundred will go to Norfolk to attend the annual football game between V. P. I. and A. & M. on Lafayette Field this afternoon.

It is expected that the game between St. Vincent's and Eastern College at the Casino park will draw hundreds of enthusiasts from this city, Hampton, Phoebus and Old Point.

The city schools closed yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock and will not be reopened until Monday morning at 9 o'clock. The pupils and teachers being given two holidays instead of one as originally planned. Some of the teachers left yesterday afternoon for their homes in various parts of Virginia to spend the holidays with relatives.

COME HERE TO WED.

North Carolina Couple Married in Clerk's Office.

With a number of city officials, attorneys and others as witnesses, Miss Ruth E. Garner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Garner, of Garysburg, N. C., and James Dunn Caryer, of Raleigh, N. C., were married in the office of the clerk of court's yesterday morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. W. G. Starr, D. D., pastor of Trinity Methodist church, performed the ceremony.

After the knot was tied, Mr. and Mrs. Caryer explained that this was not a runaway match and that they merely stole away from their friends. They secured the license from Deputy Clerk of Courts Marable. The groom is an electrical worker employed at Raleigh and the young couple will make their home in that city.

MORTGAGE BURNING AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Interesting Services in Celebration of Raising of Debt on Handsome Edifice.

With appropriate exercises, the lifting of the debt of the Newport News Baptist church will be celebrated tonight at 7:30 o'clock at the church building. The total mortgage of \$8,000 on the church, which was retired this week, will be burned in the presence of the congregation by Mrs. Amy Haynes, the only charter member of the church who is now on the church roster.

Rev. Lloyd T. Wilson, D. D., the pastor, W. E. Barrett and W. M. Parkey will make interesting addresses and Treasurer W. B. Vest will make a report of the church finances. Special music will be rendered by the choir of the church.

After the exercises, the audience will adjourn to the basement of the building, where refreshments will be served by the ladies of the church.

FREE BOOK ON PILES

Tells How to Cure Them With Internal Medicine.

Do you know the cause of piles? Is it internal or external? Will salves, suppositories or cutting remove the cause?

How can one be cured permanently?

Do you know how Dr. J. S. Leonard found the cause and cure? All these questions answered fully in a booklet mailed free by Dr. Leonard Co., Station 10, Buffalo, N. Y., or at A. E. G. Klor, Newport News, Va., who sells the successful remedy, Hem-Roid, under guarantee, at \$1 per large bottle.

COOK WITH GAS

Hampton, Phoebus and Old Point

WILL USE 500 TURKEYS AT SOLDIERS' HOME

Uncle Sam's Former Soldiers and Sailors to Feast on the Birds Today.

Five hundred fine turkeys will grace the long tables in the main dining room at the National Soldiers' Home today, when the veterans sit down to their annual Thanksgiving Day dinner. Besides the national bird, the former soldiers and sailors will be served with all the delicacies of the season, including cranberries and everything else that goes to make up a splendid menu. Pumpkin pie will also be on the menu. The Thanksgiving dinner is one of the most elaborate served during the year in the big institution and this year Governor Thomas T. Kuc has seen to it that the men are to receive the best that the market affords.

There are nearly 3,000 members of the Home, but some of the veterans are on leave, so that about 2,400 will enjoy the dinner today.

At Fort Monroe 150 turkeys will be required to serve the dinners to the artillerymen, each company having ten fine birds to grace their tables.

It is estimated that fully 500 turkeys will be found on the various tables in the homes of Hampton and probably 200 more in Phoebus, so that altogether it is believed that more than 1,000 of the birds were slaughtered this year for local consumption.

Today is going to be a quiet one in Hampton and on the lower Peninsula, as the day will be given up to home gatherings and private dinners.

A number of Hampton people left for Richmond last night, others will go today and still others will see the football games in Newport News and Norfolk.

DRAINAGE CONVENTION.

North Carolina Body Adjourns to Meet Next at Elizabeth City.

(By Associated Press)

WILMINGTON, N. C., Nov. 23.—With the re-election of all principal officers, the selection of Elizabeth City, N. C., as the next place of meeting and the adoption of a platform favoring a course in drainage engineering at the State Agricultural and Mechanical College, the teaching of agriculture in the public schools, the exemption of drainage bonds from taxes for fifteen years, and provision by the state for a drainage engineer and the establishment of a demonstration farm where alluvial soils exist, the third annual convention of the North Carolina Drainage Convention came to a close today with an outing on the United States revenue cutter, Seminole. More than 200 delegates were in attendance and plans were laid for an extensive campaign in behalf of drainage in the state during the coming year.

Baltimore Grain Market.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 23.—Wheat—Easier. Spot contract, 95½c; Southern on grade, 91a95c.
Corn—Steady. Spot, 55c; new, 53c.
Oats—Steady. No. 2 white, 34½c.
Rye—Quiet and firm. No. 2 Western domestic, 33a34c.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—Money on call easy at ½% per cent.; ruling rate, closing bid and offered at 2½%. Time loans easy, 60 and 90 days and six months lending at 4½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 5½a6 per cent. Sterling exchange firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at 48.15a48.20 for 60-day bills and at 48.10 for demand. Commercial bills, 48½a48½. Bar silver, 53½c. Mexican dollars, 46.

Some people are so industrious that when they have nothing else to do they worry.

Saves an Iowa Man's Life.

The very grave seemed to yawn before Robert Madsen of West Burlington, Iowa, when, after seven weeks in the hospital, four of the best physicians gave him up. Then was shown the marvelous curative power of Electric Bitters. For, after eight months of frightful suffering from liver trouble and yellow jaundice, getting no help from other remedies or doctors, five bottles of this matchless medicine completely cured him. Its positively guaranteed for Stomach, Liver or Kidney troubles and never disappoints. Only 50c at All Druggists.

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CONDENSED STATEMENT, JUNE 30, 1910

Resources
Loans and Discounts \$1,308,705.88
Bonds and Investments 187,217.72
Bank Building 68,000.00
Cash and due from Banks 211,032.24
Total \$1,775,955.84

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Cash and due from Banks 211,032.24	Dividend 4,000.00
	Deposits \$1,509,196.82
Total \$1,775,955.84	Total \$1,775,955.84

Your attention is invited to this Statement and your account is desired.

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